

## United States Patent

### ABSTRACT

A monitoring system particularly suited for remote viewing of display or events on computers over a distributed computer network such as the Internet. In such a distributed network, a person located at a remote viewing station can watch all display or event activity occurring on the computer or server to be monitored. The display on the remote systems is almost instantaneous except for communication delays. Either the viewer or the server can start the initiation of the remote monitoring by sending a handshaking communication. Once communication is established, the remote viewer may watch either the entire display of the server or a selected window that is being displayed.

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